

## Comparison of Heresy

Wycliffe/Lollards	Jan Hus	Cathars	Waldensians
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible is sole authority for religious truth</li> <li>• Trans. Into Eng – contradicted doctrine saying only clergy could interpret God's word</li> <li>• Destroyed images of saints, ridiculed communion and Mass</li> <li>• Formed by Franciscans at Oxford who revolted; led by William of Occam (is this getting me to where I want to go by the fastest route – applied to the Church)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denounced superstition, sale of indulgences and abuses</li> <li>• Disputed papal authority</li> <li>• Approved utraquism (Eucharist as both bread and wine)</li> <li>• Church authority rested on Scripture, conscience and tradition</li> <li>• Defended transubstantiation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material world is evil and impure</li> <li>• Anti-clerical; every holy person is priest (Perfects); underwent the consolamentum promising to abstain from sex, fast frequently, and pray constantly; had to avoid eating meat and any product of sexual reproduction (eggs, milk, cheese, etc.)</li> <li>• Credentes were sympathetic believers who had not undergone consolamentum and thus were not subject to the same restrictions (time would come later in life or in a different lifetime)</li> <li>• Rejected incarnation of Jesus (spirit, not human)</li> <li>• Criticized worldliness and corruption of Church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contempt for ecclesiastical authority</li> <li>• Oaths are forbidden by God</li> <li>• Judicial process is forbidden: "judge not lest ye be judged", "thou shalt not kill"</li> <li>• Rejects papal decrees, and rules concerning fasts and holy days</li> <li>• They have the power to hear confessions and grant absolution</li> <li>• Anti-clerical; every holy person is priest</li> <li>• Anti-indulgences</li> </ul>